

U. S. SOLDIERS FED EVERY FOUR HOURS

Y. M. C. A. Relief Worker Tells of Experiences With Americans in Trenches.

CHEERED UP THE FRENCH

(This is the narrative of a Red Triangle (Y. M. C. A.) man who is working with that section of the American Army now in the trenches.)

When our American troops started for the front we had them every four hours for forty-eight hours. They came in cold and tired and thirsty. They had 600 loaves of bread for them, twelve cases of jam with twenty-four cans in a case, and 200 pounds of coffee. We had two cheeses, weighing 180 pounds each. We took a location on the quiet, set up stoves, a boiler and served real American coffee. We gave the coffee away. For sandwiches we charged 25 centimes. They cost us 35 centimes. I went thirty-six hours on four slices of bread and a coffee.

Then I started off with the men—artillery, they were. We left at 8 p.m. on a Friday. Twenty-nine of us were in a box car with a half of hay. When the train came off the hay we needed a gas-mask for the dust that shook out. There wasn't room for all to sleep. We were saddled, shod and armed in the ninth section of a battery.

We woke to a foggy morning. The men thought they were in the city of Paris. But we had come to the city of—, in a corner of France. We took the guns off the wagon, and marched seventeen kilometers to the town of—.

We slept that night in the loft of a barn. Men had been billeted there before us, and by morning I had a ring of white webs around my ankle from lice. We lived there for three days with those visitors that didn't appear on the roll call. And for nine days we never took our clothes off.

Slip Off Revolvers.

The boys were advised to slip off their revolvers. We rented a kitchen as a storehouse for our guns. In the kitchen I went out with my twenty-two words of French, but we got the kitchen and the stove and the sink and the range. We stayed five days in the place with the main horse line of the battery. The horses had large appetites and ate up cassions and other leather stuff. One man came in and reported with his overcoat in a rage. He said he was a horse and he had not a hungry in the night.

I thought I would go farther up, so I got a horse. I gave you that for background, so you will be sympathetic to my next. The orders were to ride bareback, and I had to ride him bareback—razorback.

Then I went to the brigade commandant, and he let me go to the front. We came to the first village this side of the border. It was full up of men billeted. I said I was tired enough to give 7 francs for a bed. An old woman gave me a room in a house with an end of a line, and she was a taker. The family had fled. She seemed to feel this way about it: "I'm about at the end of the line, anyhow, and I'll stay by the staff."

Walked Me to Dugouts.

Two colonels walked me up to the dugouts, and that was where I parted friendship with my long overcoat. It slipped mud every step.

Thirty men were in the dugout in trench. In between looked like a lot of country anywhere. Shells were coming in casually, landing in a field about 100 yards away. When we came back along the communication trench we found the ceiling of it (what we call the clesper in a mine) shot through with a shell.

Then I went to our battery. Out along an old Roman road we came to a farmhouse located where a wise farmer would place it. The house was in ruins. All through this section men had been buried where they fell, batteries were dug in on the hillside and soldiers were billeted in the ruins of villages. The fields around the farmhouse were shell-pitted. The Germans threw in one more shell at the house and killed two cooks and an assistant. Somewhere along the road a battery was dug in on the roadside. You saw gun pits and then nine-foot dugouts, and then machine gun pits. There was mousie, a wooden hill and a maze of barb wire. I went in to see the kitchen for American soldiers, got the loan of a meat kit and had prunes, potatoes, meat and bread. The men were in the trench in my half of a pup tent, with my head cupped in a trench shovel. We went to bed at 8:15. Life is blank after the active hours.

Dug Emplacements in Morning.

In the morning we dug emplacements for the guns. We were supposed to wait till the four guns were dug in. But when the first gun was tested the boys couldn't wait to get the rest ready. They had to let the boches know they had come. At 4 p.m. on October 24 the first shell was fired by an American battery from an American dug emplacement. It was a "Beecher."

"Here's the first shot we're handing to the Germans," they said, and they all cheered it had to kill at least thirty-six men.

One man said our aim was bad. "In about fifteen minutes," he claimed, "you'll see a German pop up over the hill asking, 'Did we throw them something?'"

We sent four shrapnel for range, and took the distance at 6,000 yards. "Minus five to the left, same range, same elevation," came back on the telephone, and then:

"She's on her way."

"She's on her way," I carried it on my belt, where it kept rubbing the spine. The boys fired five rounds before supper. They used French Seventy-Fives.

"Mark Data and Go Home."

"Mark all your data and go home," was the order, and they chattered the gun shield.

Another battery fired sooner than we did, but not from an American dug emplacement.

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BIG EVENT STAGED FOR 900 YOUNG MEN

Graduates of Fort Myer Training School to Receive Commissions Tomorrow.

PRESIDENT IS TO ATTEND

The stage is set at Fort Myer for a great event in the lives of 900 young men who will be graduated from civil life into the military, where they are to take their places as leaders in the Army of liberty soon to go over-seas. The graduation exercises at Fort Myer tomorrow are to start at 2 o'clock, with President and Mrs. Wilson and members of the cabinet there. Secretary Baker is to deliver an address to the young officers as official representa-

tive of the people of the United States, speaking their confidence in the spirit of these young men, who have proved their physical, mental and temperamental qualifications to be leaders among men. Secretary Baker also is to deliver the commissions.

Hundreds of relatives and friends of the young officers are in Washington over Sunday to attend these ceremonies. There were dinners and dances and theater parties last night at which those who have been living together in barracks for the last three months during keel competition for place celebrated their success and that of their comrades.

At Theater as Units.

The 1st Company of Infantry and the three batteries of field artillery from the training camp attended the National Theater as units last night. Large reservations were made for the "home folks." Before the theater party the members of the 1st Company of Infantry were guests at dinner in the New Willard, of W. P. Tams of Staunton, Va., who is to receive a commission as captain of infantry.

In explaining further the plan of the ceremony to consider merit and not seniority in promoting men graduated from the officers' training camps, Secretary Baker said that a junior captain graduated from the second series of camps might become a major before a senior captain graduated from the first series.

The question arose over the time from which commissions of men taken out of the camp for special service before grad-

uation are to date. Mr. Baker said there were not many such men, but that commissions would all date from the graduation day. There had been some cases, however, he thought, where commissions had been given at once when the candidate had been called for special duty, and these would stand.

The theory of the department is that men selected before the end of the camp course had already passed the period of observation by their officers, insuring the candidate had been called for special duty, and these would stand.

Among the well known Washingtonians to get a commission as second lieutenant last August was C. H. H. 1649 Hobart street northwest. He is commissioned for aviation in the Signal Corps, 1123 Harvard street. He attended McKinley High School and has been prominent in the moving picture business in Washington.

SAYS WAR WAS INEVITABLE.

The present world war was inevitable, President James of the University of Illinois told the Washington Alumni Association of that university at a banquet given last night at the Hotel Lafayette. President James, who was guest of honor at the banquet, made twelve visits to Europe during the twenty years preceding the outbreak of

the war and had studied conditions on the continent carefully, as well as in Great Britain.

President James discussed the military training given at the university and the co-operation of the alumni in this work. He also told of the alumni memorial building which is to be erected on the campus. Other speakers were President Burt of the National Alumni Association of the University of Illinois, Director Samuel Stratton of bureau of standards; Thomas W. Walton, educational secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Maj. Junkins of the engineers. The following officers were elected by the association: President, Smith T. Henry, '04; vice president, V. P. Bush, '38, and secretary, Thomas W. Walton, '10.

Colored Teachers to Meet.

Special Dispatch to The Star. BALTIMORE, November 24.—The annual session of the Maryland Colored State Teachers' Association will be held in this city on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The session will practically begin, however, with a sermon by Rev. Sampson Brooks at Bethel A. M. E. Church tomorrow (Sunday) night. A number of the teachers will also deliver short talks. Following a conference of colored county supervising teachers Monday morning, the visitors will be the guests at a luncheon at the Colored High School. The teachers will gather with the colored section of the Maryland Council of De-

fense in a mass meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church at night. Among the Washingtonians who will deliver talks of interest to the pedagogues are: Dr. Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard University and Garfield C. Wilkinson, principal of the Dunbar High School.

One of the most historic restaurants in America—old Belmont's, in Bevel street, New York—has closed. Louis Napoleon during his years of exile in America made the restaurant his headquarters, and among those who went there frequently were the Van Burens, Aspinwalls, Minturns, Stuyvesants, Jays, Morgans and Livingstons.

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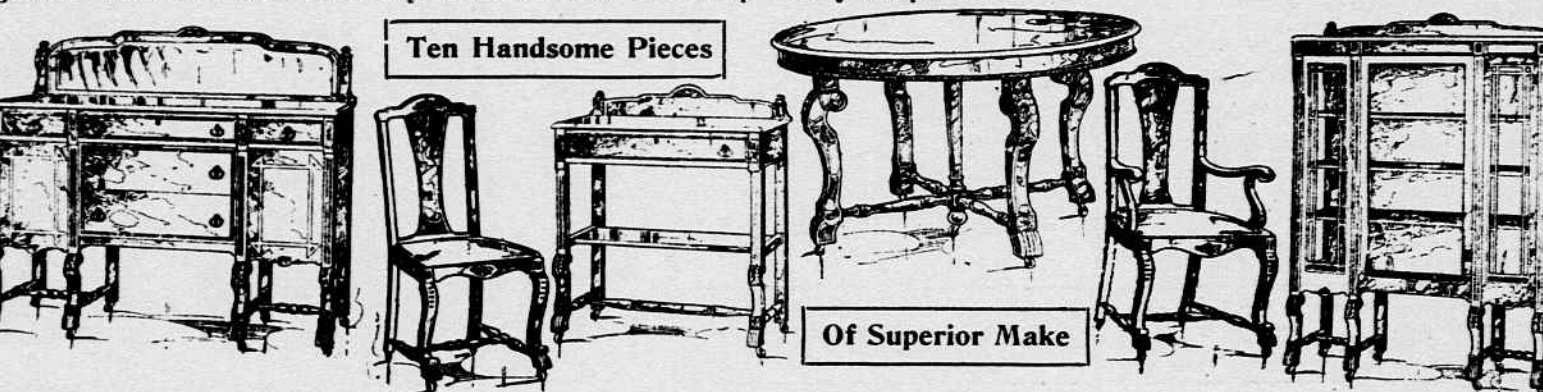
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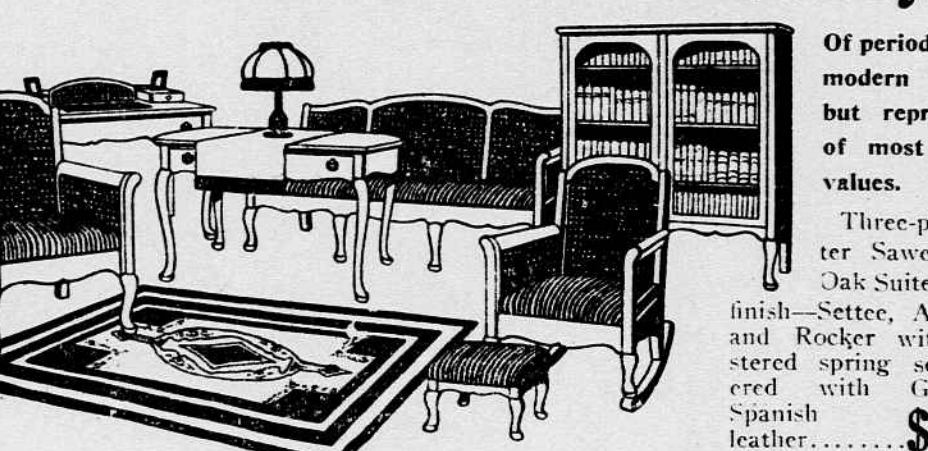
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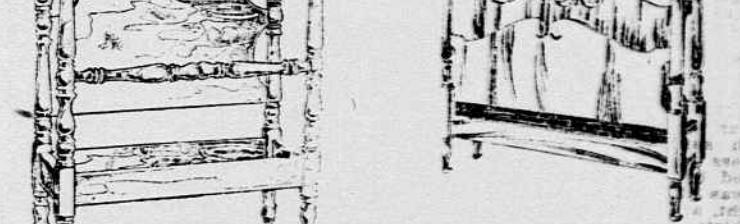


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